Job Title: Agricultural Technician (contractually limited)

Period: Sept 1, 2018 – Nov 30, 2018 (with possibility of extension)

Education: B.Sc. degree in horticultural (with pomology experience) or related plant science degree with a minimum of two years of previous experience in agricultural research, or an equivalent combination of education and experience.

Hours: 37.5 hours per week

Rate: Commensurate with Experience

The Tree Fruit Physiology Program at the University of Guelph, Horticultural Experiment Station, Simcoe is now accepting applications for an agricultural technician to assist with a diverse field and lab based research program examining the physiology of apple, cherry, and peach trees. This technical position will focus on projects in tree physiology, rootstock and cultivar development, irrigation, crop load management, soil management, mineral nutrition, and methods to control tree growth and cropping. The duties involve all technical aspects of field experiments and assisting with the supervision and training of field personnel and other contract staff.

The successful candidate will be responsible for maintaining plots, collecting data including growth and yield data, imposing treatment, using quantitative and qualitative techniques, grading fruit, assessing fruit quality, working in the laboratory using analytical equipment, data entry, statistical analyses, summarizing data, and assisting with the preparation of research reports.

Requirements of the position include: Canadian citizenship or permanent residency status, B.Sc. degree in horticultural or related plant science degree with a minimum of two years of previous experience in agricultural research, or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Preference will be given to those with a M.Sc. degree.

The successful candidate must possess a sound knowledge of pomology with focus on tree fruit crop physiology and orchard management. In addition, computer literacy in
Microsoft Word, Excel, and statistical analyses programs (ie, SAS), an ability to work independently and as part of a team environment, strong interpersonal and communication skills, and a valid driver's licence are required. Ontario Grower's Pesticide Safety course certification is preferred.

Please send a resume with cover letter indicating how you meet the above criteria. Send to the address below or submit by email to JCline@uoguelph.ca. If you have questions or require further information, please contact: Professor John Cline, University of Guelph, Department of Plant Agriculture, Box 587, Simcoe, Ontario N3Y 4N5 Tel: (519) 426-7127 Ext 331

We thank all applicants for their interest but wish to advise that only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

The closing date for this posting is Friday August 17, 2018 at 4:30 pm or until a suitable candidate is found.